GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Job Card Holders under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of job cards issued under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) as on date, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether unemployment allowance is paid to job card holders of MGNREGS in the country and if so, the details thereof along with the unemployment allowance paid during the last three years, State/ UT-wise;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take steps to expand the scope of MGNREGS in a phased manner so as to enhance the number of days of assured employment in a year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI NARENDRA SINGH TOMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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Statement in reply to Parts (a) to (d) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 267 for 03.08.2017.

(a) The State/UT-wise Cumulative number of household issued job card under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) is given at Annexure-I.

(b) As per Section 7 of the Act, unemployment allowance is payable in case an applicant is not provided employment within 15 days of receipt of his application seeking employment or from the date on which employment has been sought in case of an advance application, whichever is later.

MGNREGS is implemented by States/UTs and the liability of payment of unemployment allowance to household's rest with them subject to the entitlement of the household at such rate as may be specified by the State/UT, by notification, in consultation with the State Council. As per information made available, the details of States/UT wise payment of unemployment allowance during the last three years is given at Annexure-II.

(c)&(d): The mandate of the Act is to provide at least 100 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household whose adult member volunteers to do unskilled manual work. The Ministry mandates the provision of additional 50 days of wage employment (beyond the stipulated 100 days) per Scheduled Tribe Household in a forest area, provided that these households have no other private property except for the land rights provided under the Forest Rights Act 2006.
The Central Government has decided to provide an additional 50 days of unskilled manual work in a financial year, over and above the 100 days assured to job card holders in such rural areas where drought or natural calamities have been notified. The notification is issued by the Ministry of Rural Development based on the notification of the State Government to this effect and as recommended by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.